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The Vicennial will be celebrated
May 26, 27, 1909



Marshall, Missouri

THE ALUMNI SHOULD PREPARE FOR CLASS REUNIONS
ON MAY 26, 1909.

Mark the Vicennial by a return to the old campus,
to the old friends, and to rekindle the old love for
Alma Mater.

NOTES.

The Hon. Virgil V. Huff, of the class of '98, has been very active in preparation of material for this number of the BULLETIN. He is not only a brilliant, reliable and laborious attorney-at-law in Marshall, but is an enthusiastic alumnus and practical friend of Missouri Valley.

This is a year of centennials. Missouri Valley has celebrated several of these in Stewart Chapel. First came the Mendelssohn celebration, in which Professor Place presented a distinctly Mendelssohn program—then came Darwin day, with the Hon. Virgil V. Huff, '98, as orator of the occasion; then Lincoln day, with the Hon. Albert R. James, of the class of '97, as orator; and then Tennyson day, with William C. Gordon, of the class of '98, cashier of the Farmers' Saving Bank, as orator. Each did his subject justice and gave the students samples of what M. V. C. graduates are and what they are achieving in the business world. Each was a leader among the students when in college, and each is a leader in his sphere now.

"It is interesting to note that Columbia University has this year adopted a plan by which representatives

of all its alumni are asked to present to the corporation from time to time a nomination of an alumnus to fill any vacancy that may occur (membership in that corporation being for life). This action, it is stated officially, has been under consideration by the corporation since March 4, 1907, when the question was presented by some of the alumni."—*H. M. MacCracken, LL.D.*

"Our sister universities owe very many of the benefactions received by them, if not directly to their graduates, at least in large measure to their good offices with those who have means to bestow. New York University should make a roll of honor of alumni who have, by their persuasions, turned benefactions to its treasury. The oft-repeated question asked the Chancellor by citizens whom he asks to give is, What are your graduates doing in the way of giving or of securing gifts? The public looks to the alumni to be leaders in the material upbuilding of their Alma Mater."—*Chancellor's Report of New York University, February 1, 1909.*

Alumni present at the Christmas reception at President Black's residence:

1896.

George N. Davis.

William J. Dysart and wife.

Bettie Sparks Price.

Avarilla D. Steele.

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1897.

Belle Campbell Huff.
John W. Kirkpatrick.
John A. Jones.

1898.

Elizabeth Clemens Kirkpatrick.
William C. Gordon and wife.
Virgil V. Huff.

1899.

Mary Belle Campbell Huff.

1900.

Cordelia C. Clemens.
Alma Siler Denny and husband.
Nelle D. Mason.
Emmett H. Mitchell and wife.

1901.

Mary Virginia Clarke.
Edmund Wayne Davis.
Ella S. Goodson.

1902.

Emma Fisher Parsons.
Ella S. Goodson.
Callie B. Mitchell.

1903.

Mary Dysart.

1904.

Laura M. Dysart.

John H. McGinnis.

Ruth Dysart Rector and husband.

1905.

Sterling Redman.

William Edmund Rice.

1906.

Sarah Louise Black.

1907.

Rena Bolton.

Milton Lewis Clemens.

Mary Elizabeth Davis.

Annette Francisco.

Estelle Francisco.

Charles Rufus Holloway and wife.

Pearl Pauline McElvain.

Helene Sliffe.

Mary Dysart.

1908.

Bernice Clarke.

Cora Dickson.

Ruth Dickson.

Mabel Dysart.

Maude Theresa England.

Bessie Catherine Grube.

Lela Lenora Hayes.

Ewing Stanton Hudson.
James Borence Mitchell.
Bertha Smith.

AN EPOCH-MAKING MEETING OF THE COLLEGE ALUMNI.

One of the most important meetings in the history of the alumni of Missouri Valley College was held December 25 at the residence of the President, Dr. Black. Upon the invitations of Dr. and Mrs. Black more than fifty of the local members of the alumni association gathered for the exchange of Christmas greetings and to talk over matters pertaining to the welfare of the college. After an hour spent in social pleasures among the members, Dr. Black called the meeting to order, and in an able discussion of the situation suggested that it was his opinion that the time had arrived in the history of the college when the alumni as a body should take part in the counsels and management of the institution. He said that it had long been his intention to use his influence to bring about such an organic relationship between the college and its graduates. As a basis and illustration of his ideas in this regard, Dr. Black discussed the influence of the alumni of Harvard University, who make their power felt through its board and overseers. That there was work which could be done for the college, both in perfecting the institution as a working body



PROF. W. E. GRUBE, A.M.
The oldest professor in service in Missouri Valley College.

and in spreading its influence and scope of activity, that could not be done nearly so well and effectively by any other body as that composed of its former students. He then made the suggestion that the association appoint a committee to take the matter under advisement with a view of petitioning the board of trustees to the effect that the alumni association be given such part in counselling with them and the faculty and in the management of the affairs of the institution as was consistent with the charter and the welfare of the college.

Mr. William C. Gordon, the president of the association, declaring such a motion in order, a resolution was adopted that the president of the association appoint a committee of five, himself to be the chairman and one of the members of the committee, to take under consideration the presentation of the matter of participation by the alumni in the counsels and management of the college.

The discussion of the above resolution by the members of the association revealed the fact that although no one had previously mentioned the matter to another, the participation in the control of the college by its alumni, similarly to the great Eastern universities, had been on the minds of many among the membership, and was a policy filled with promise to the work of the college. The marked enthusiasm on the part of those present, and the hope on the part of the members that the graduates of the college should in



PROF. E. S. PLACE,
Piano accompanist of the evening.

the future have some official avenue through which their ideas might influence the work and life of their alma mater, marked the meeting as the entrance upon a new epoch in the life of Missouri Valley College.

After the more serious business of the evening the company was served to Neapolitan cream, with cake, coffee and many other good things to eat by Mrs. Black, assisted efficiently by Miss Sarah Louise Black, the latter being a member of the association, and its president last year.

All the spacious rooms of the Black home were bedecked in holiday attire, and enriched with the college colors, and the tact of President Black and his genial household carried back the minds of all to dwell on the days in college, when such hospitality was a part of the student's good fortune. At the close of the meeting President Gordon, of the association, announced that he would name the committee within a few days to undertake the objects of the resolutions.

V. V. HUFF.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In pursuance of the direction of the Alumni Association of Missouri Valley College at its called meeting during the Christmas holidays, Mr. William C. Gordon, president of the association, appointed a committee of five members to draw up resolutions to be

presented to the board of trustees of Missouri Valley College, requesting that the board make provisions for the official representation of the alumni in the management and direction of the affairs of the college. According to the action of the association, President Gordon, A.B., '98, is chairman of the committee. He named as his associates Messrs. Virgil V. Huff, A.B., '98, and John Jones, A.B., '97, Mrs. James M. Denny, Mus.B., '00, and Miss Annette Francisco, A.B., '07.

This committee met at the residence of Dr. Black, on College Place, February 10 and further perfected its organization by electing Miss Annette Francisco secretary of the committee. Dr. Black was asked to act as an advisory member of the committee.

The question of the official representation of the alumni was fully discussed, both as to the work to be done and as to the best method of presenting the matter under contemplation to the board. As to the latter, it was decided that some changes would of necessity be made in the charter of the college, which series of amendments would, according to the terms of the charter, be passed by the board of trustees and presented by the board to the Missouri Synod of the Presbyterian Church at its next regular session. To consummate this plan will take at least from one to three years, depending upon the success of the committee in presenting and securing the acceptance of charter amendments satisfactory to the board and the synod. This feature of the work was referred to Mr.

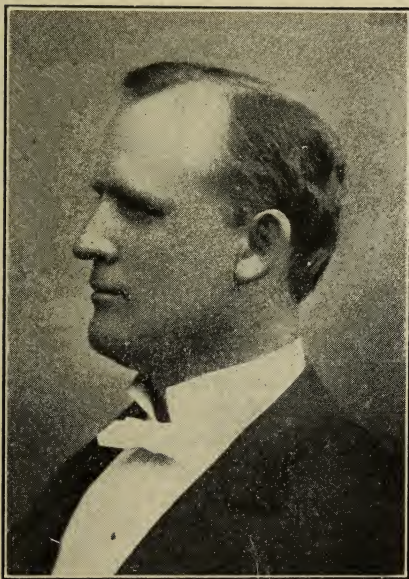


PROF. I. N. EVRARD,
Professor of English, Missouri Valley College.

Virgil V. Huff, the president stating that as he was a lawyer the legal duties relating to the charter amendments could be better worked out by him.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Jones it was determined that pending these negotiations concerning the adoption of the necessary charter amendments to allow official representation, the committee ask the board of trustees for advisory powers. In this suggestion the entire committee heartily concurred, stating as the ground the great necessity of some immediate action on the part of the association in guarding the interests of the college from unjust and unreasonable discriminations, both in respect to the recognition of its graduates and in respect to the articulation with some universities hostile to the denominational colleges of the state. It was thought that this work was to be done and the wrong righted only through the action of the Alumni Association of our College.

As to the work to be done by the Alumni Association, many things suggested themselves. The chief work mentioned was relative to students; first, the securing an increase in the attendance; and second, in regard to taking some action looking to assistance of graduates in locating and entering business after graduation. It was further suggested by Dr. Black that he hoped that the alumni would ask for and secure visitorial powers over the faculty and the curriculum of the College. This would include the right on the part of the alumni through its proper officials to in-



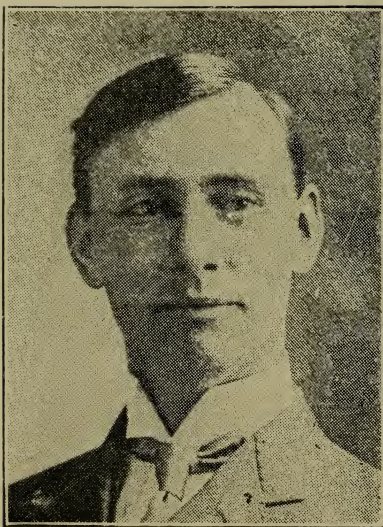
REV. GEO. P. BAITY, D.D.,
Of Kansas City, Mo. Class '92.

investigate the character and scope of the work done in each department, together with power to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. This would also include the naming of new chairs of instruction and the discontinuance of such as appeared to be superfluous. The alumni being out in the world and a part of its everyday life, and at the same time intimately associated with the college, would thereby be qualified to give practical advice concerning the outlining a course of study and determining the relative values of the several departments in regard to the required course of study, and the making of such changes as would keep the same abreast of the demands of the times.

Numerous other lines of work were suggested as within the scope of work that might properly be delegated to the alumni. These might be catalogued as follows: The establishing and maintaining of medals and awards for the various departments; the appropriate naming of the several buildings; the endowments of scholarships; the improvement and further ornamentation of the campus; the building and erecting of a dam on the campus to provide water space for rowing, swimming and skating; the planning and fitting up of a young ladies' hall or dormitory; the providing and planning for gymnasium facilities; the maintenance of permanent advertising and soliciting agencies for the college; the providing for a closer fellowship among the members of the Alumni Associa-

tion; the fitting up of a banquet hall after the manner of the Eastern and German universities; advisory powers concerning the location, erecting and architecture of new buildings, etc.

The committee emphatically stated that they had no desire to encroach upon or exercise any power conflicting with those now exercised by either the faculty or the Board of Trustees. The work they ask to be allowed to do is outside of the scope of the functions of both bodies of officials, yet is work that must be done, and that by agencies duly authorized to act. In the past both the faculty and the Board of Trustees have labored nobly and creditably to accomplish the ends of Christian education in the institution. For this we praise their untiring zeal and efficiency. The action of the committee is, therefore, in no way to be understood in the light of being anything but supplementary of their work, as the entrance upon a field of activity in behalf of the college hitherto unoccupied and which the association feels is itself peculiarly qualified to take in hand. By virtue of the fact that the graduates of the College occupy a relation to the institution peculiarly distinct from that held by the board or faculty, they are thereby made able to perform a work that would bring upon either of the other bodies undue labor and responsibility. And the alumni furthermore feel that it would be great economy to preserve and concentrate those sentiments of gratitude and loyalty they naturally feel for their alma mater

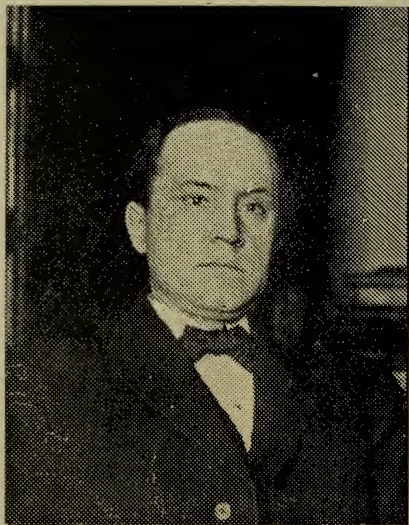


COL. V. V. HUFF,
Of the Class of '98. Toastmaster.

in some useful achievement in her behalf, rather than that these sentiments should continue to effervesce and waste in empty phrases of regard, words said and then neglected. The alumni ask the privilege of "squaring the deed with the word."

By action of the committee, Miss Annette Francisco and Mr. Virgil V. Huff were directed to prepare a proper report of the proceedings of the committee meeting for publication in the college BULLETIN and for circulation in such quarters as their judgment might direct.

ANNETTE FRANCISCO,
VIRGIL V. HUFF.



JUDGE HENRY S. CONRAD, '97.

THE BANQUET.

MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE Y. M. C. A. AT THE RUFF.

A NOTABLE EVENT CARRIED OUT ON A MAGNIFICENT
SCALE.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Missouri Valley College gave a magnificent banquet at The Ruff on Friday evening, February 19, the most elaborate thing of its kind ever attempted by the association. It was the occasion of the installation of the president-elect and the cabinet for the ensuing year.

The banquet was held in the magnificent new dining room of The Ruff. Plates were laid for about one hundred guests. The room was elaborately decorated in college and society colors and the enormous capacity of the room was filled. Several men of prominence were present from Marshall and a distance, among whom were Judge Henry S. Conrad, Rev. Geo. P. Baity, D.D., Kansas City; Mr. H. R. McCutchen, Holden, Mo.; Mr. R. L. Rea, McKenney, Texas; Messrs. Geo. H. Althouse, John Rose, Hugh Hayes, Wm. C. Gordon, Jas. L. Roberts, Albert R. James, John Jones, George H. Crockett, Virgil V. Huff, Rev. J. E. McDonald, John C. Patterson and W. F. McDan-

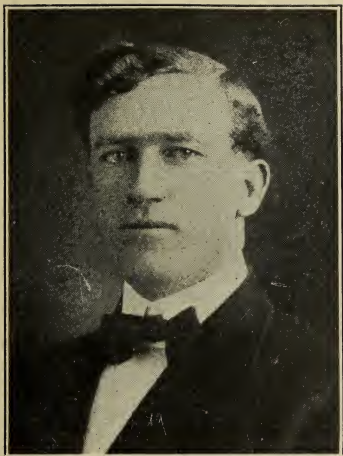
iel, of this city. In addition to these, all the members of the faculty were present and all the members of the association.

Those who sent regrets were: Rev. John T. Bacon, of Springfield, Hon. Ben Eli Guthrie, of Macon, T. S. McPheeters, LL.D., and A. C. Stewart, LL.D., of St. Louis. The elaborate menu was as follows:

Chicken Bouillon with Rice.
Pickles. Radishes. Celery.
Roast Turkey, Oyster Dressing.
Candied Cranberries.
Mashed Potatoes.
Cardinal Punch:
Sliced Tomatoes, Mayonnaise Dressing.
Braised Tenderloin of Beef with Mushrooms.
Neapolitan Ice Cream and Cake.
Cafe Noir. American Cheese.

At 9.15 P.M. the grand march was struck up, Mr. Edward McKee at the piano, and the entire company, after having spent a delightful hour in greetings and conversation in the parlors and lobby of The Ruff, formed in line and marched into the banquet hall. The line of march was headed by Dr. William H. Black, president of the college, followed by Virgil V. Huff, toastmaster of the occasion, then the visitors, the alumni, the faculty and students in the order named. In all, ninety-two men were in line.

The ceremonies of the evening were opened with an invocation by Rev. William H. Black, D.D., presi-



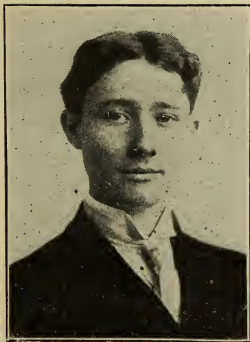
REV. C. E. PETERSON,
Retiring President of the Y. M. C. A. of Missouri Valley College, '09.

dent of Missouri Valley College. After dinner, Rev. C. E. Peterson, retiring president of the Y. M. C. A., in the name of the outgoing cabinet set forth concisely the works undertaken and accomplished by the association for the year ending. Cabinet members were: F. Gauldin, D. S. McCorkle, J. E. Pope, Walker McAnich and Prof. R. L. Shepherd. Following Mr. Peterson, Mr. W. B. VanBuskirk, president-elect, accepted the duties of office laid down by the retiring officers in words that created enthusiasm and interest. The new cabinet is as follows: Mr. W. B. Van Buskirk, president; R. T. Cordry, vice president; Floyd F. Gauldin, secretary; Baird Parks, treasurer; Leonard Patton, usher, and Prof. W. B. Myers, faculty member.

The charge to the new cabinet was delivered in well-chosen language by Rev. J. E. McDonald, the popular pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His address was pointed and well received.

The banqueters were then entertained by a baritone solo by Mr. Boone Gregg, entitled, "A Little Love Makes the World Grow Better," with obligato by Mr. John Fray and piano accompaniment by Prof. Edgar S. Place. The power and feeling of this song put everyone in the proper spirit for the exercises that followed.

Mr. James Willingham, of Hobart, Oklahoma, in a speech full of wit and good fun, placed in nomination Virgil Huff, as toastmaster, and this motion, seconded



W. B. VAN BUSKIRK,
New President of the College Y. M. C. A., '12.

by Mr. Walker McAnnich, of Sedalia, Mo., was carried enthusiastically, whereupon Rev. C. E. Peterson turned over the management of the remainder of the program to him.

The toastmaster spoke for a few minutes on the theme that sociability was the most natural and characteristic expression of religious life and expressed keenest sympathy for the work of the association and especially the feature of bringing men together in social intercourse. He then introduced Judge Henry S. Conrad, of Kansas City, as a man who did not endeavor to make white black and black white, but a man who made white to have an awful blanchness and black to become the darkest jet.

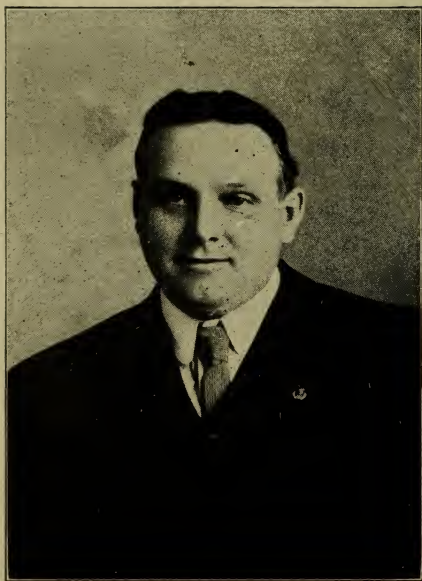
Judge Conrad made a telling speech on the toast of "Ye Old Society Times." His remarks were replete with telling humor and were both entertaining and edifying. He urged all students to throw themselves into college life without reserve, only limiting their efforts by the rules of honorable conduct. He advised this because of the fact that the world would be full of just such battles, and the industrialism and commercialism of the day, things useful in themselves, demanded men with some knowledge of the laws of conflict and men also, who not only knew, but could give good account of themselves in action. Judge Conrad is a member of the law firm of Seebre, Conrad & Wendorf, of Kansas City, a firm which enjoys a large and lucrative practice, the senior member of which is the

Hon. Frank P. Seebre, formerly of Saline County. Judge Conrad was a member of the graduating class of 1897 and will be remembered locally as a student able in debate, direct in demeanor and always ready to meet every challenge.

The next speaker of the evening was Rev. Geo. P. Baity, D.D., of Kansas City, who responded to the toast, "Old Association Times." When it comes to telling a good yarn, Dr. Baity excels all. The house was kept in a continuous round of uproarious applause and laughter from the beginning to the end of his talk, albeit many serious and valued truths were left, the most prominent of which was that the world demands men—clean men. Dr. Baity, of the class of 1892, is ranked among the old-timers in student life and was one of the few characters present when college opened twenty years ago. He was a loyal society man, and was always intent on showing his faith by his works.

The enforced absence of Rev. John T. Bacon, of Springfield, who was of the class of 1896, was noted with regret.

The toastmaster then introduced Prof. I. N. Evrard, as the man who could make a good speech if one gave him time to write it out and learn it. Whereupon Professor Evrard proceeded to make a most interesting extemporaneous talk on the theme of loyalty to your old home life. Professor Evrard is from southern Missouri, and his tribute to the "Ozarks," his old home, was full of poetic beauty. Upon the conclusion



MR. C. W. ADAMS,
Proprietor of "The Ruff."

of this interesting address the toastmaster announced that it was his opinion that the professor was trying to escape on the ground of a mere technicality, that the speaker had only said that he had not written his speech, but left the way open to conclude that some one else had done so. Professor Biddle, of the English department of the College, was introduced as a man who made it a part of his business to say speeches written by other people. Professor Biddle provoked much applause at the expense of Professor Evrard, by saying that he had intended to recite the declamation just given by the professor, but as it had already been given he would have to say another piece. Professor Biddle, as well as College English, teaches elocution and public speaking, and recited several short sketches, among which was a description of Missouri as a place "where the lakes lie placid as a mirror, and the newspapers lie like thunder." This turned the laugh from Professor Evrard to Mr. J. C. Patterson, the manager of the *Democratic-News*, who was one of the guests of the occasion. Professor Biddle closed with a pathetic piece of fine spirit, entitled "After-whiles," which was well received as a serious antidote to his former humorous selections.

The toastmaster then introduced Mr. McCutchen, of Holden, and a banker, upon whom Missouri Valley is banking. Mr. McCutchen is cashier of the Bank of Holden, Mo., and is an active and effective worker for the college. He modestly disclaimed all credit for



ALBERT MCGINNIS, A.M., Litt.D.

his work, saying that he was a man of moderate means and had a large family of children, six in number, all of whom were boys, except five. The toastmaster retorted that we were banking upon his magnificent family of boys.

Mr. William C. Gordon, of 1898 class, and president of the Alumni Association of the College, responded to the toast of "Alumni Co-operation in the Management of College Affairs." Mr. Gordon, after recalling to the minds of the "old boys" present some of the pranks of former days, spoke with clear grasp of the problems of the college, and the assistance that the association he represented might render in the solution of these problems. He stated that a committee had been appointed to devise methods of memorializing the Board of Trustees for official and organic recognition of the former graduates of the institution, in such matters as relate to the conduct of college affairs with which the alumni were particularly qualified to deal.

The lateness of the hour made it necessary for the toastmaster to regret that all present could not speak. He mentioned Mr. Albert R. James, the prize student orator and debater, and the painstaking and efficient lawyer. Mr. James L. Roberts, another worthy lawyer of many and versatile accomplishments, especially remembered as a student inclined to mischievous pranks. Mr. John Jones, the constitution writer, than whom no one had written more society constitutions since the days of the French Revolution. Mr. Geo.

Crockett, the successful business man, as a student the most stubborn contestant that ever fought out a debate. Prof. R. L. Shepherd, the judicious and philosophic character at all times, who knew also how to avail best with forensic skill. But time was late. Yet it was thought that as this was the year for the celebration of the Vicennial of the College, time should be given to Prof. W. E. Grube, the oldest member of the faculty, from point of service, and the only present member of the faculty who was present and acting at the opening of school in 1889. Professor Grube has held the Baird-Mitchell Professorship of Greek now for twenty years. The professor responded in a short, practical talk characteristic only of himself.

Dr. Black was then introduced by the toastmaster as follows: "Dr. Lyman Abbott tells us that idolatry is the worship of things, not persons. We are left free to love persons all we please, and to-night every heart turns to him who has earned our love and respect by sacrifice and labor for us. We are his children. Other teachers have high places in our esteem, but he is the center toward which all point. He has grieved with us in misfortune; he has rejoiced in our success, and we cannot go far enough to escape his fatherly interest."

Dr. Black opened his heart to all the boys and confessed his fondness for the kindly expressions of sentiment given. He spoke to the men standing back of

him in the shadows, working quietly and unostentatiously for the college, and inspiring hope in time of discouragement and giving succor in time of need. That this Vicennial year planned at first as a year of retrospect and memories gave promise to become the door of entrance to a new era in the life of the institution. The entertainment marked the beginning of a new order of things. His heart and head were full of plans for the future. The heartiest appreciation was expressed to those who had helped and were helping the institution now, special mention being made of the name of one of the honor guests, Mr. McCutchen, of Holden, Mo.

After Dr. Black's address the college octette, composed of Messrs. Edward McKee, C. E. Peterson, R. L. Shepherd, Boone Gregg, John Fray, J. C. Hollyman and W. R. Van Buskirk, under the direction of Prof. Edgar S. Place, who had furnished the music of the evening, rendered an appropriate parting song and the banquet ended at 2.00 A.M., with three rousing cheers for "Old Missouri Valley."

An interesting note might be made of the college song recently composed by Dr. Black and sung at the banquet under the leadership of Boone Gregg. "Missouri Valley" is almost as stirring as "Dixie" or the "Marseillaise," and the hundred banqueters almost lifted the roof off The Ruff, in their enthusiastic rendition of it.

Another note might be made of the cheers given

to Mr. Adams, the proprietor of The Ruff, whose hospitality rendered this evening of enjoyment most pleasant, and the kindly mention of the name of Colonel R. B. Ruff, whose enterprise made our elegant new hotel both a possibility and a reality.—*Democrat-News.*



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